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## San Diego Police Department

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### **ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON SUSPECT ARRESTED**

**(San Diego)** On November 14, 2008, San Diego Police received a call of several people fighting at the intersection of Rosecrans Street and Pacific Highway. The SDPD helicopter "ABLE" arrived on scene first and discovered two people actively involved in a fight. As the suspects were being observed by the tactical flight officer (TFO), another male approached and began hitting the two men fighting with what appeared to be a golf club. The TFO called for emergency response by the officers on the ground as the blows appeared to be severe.

Western Division patrol officers ultimately took the suspect into custody. They reported that he was a friend of one of the two men involved in the fight. The suspect picked up a crutch that one of the fighters had dropped, and began beating the other man in an attempt to end the fight. Both men were taken to the hospital by ambulance. The suspect, Clinton A. Tripp (6/6/51) was booked into San Diego Central Jail for attempted murder in the first degree. Tripp was not injured in the incident.

The SDPD ABLE video of this incident is available at the headquarters front counter until 5 p.m. today.

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